



Northwest Indiana Lighthouse Charter Schools

Minutes

Lighthouse Academies Of Northwest Indiana

Date and Time

Monday November 18, 2019 at 5:30 PM

Location

East Chicago Lighthouse - 3916 Pulaski Street

Directors Present

A. Payne (remote), B. Bridges, C. Mosley, K. Ward McDuffie, N. Barksdale, N. Lucas, R. Daniels, Y. Irons-Johnson

Directors Absent

None

Guests Present

A. Anderson, Andrea Franz, C. Jackson, Char, J. Beasley, L. Noel (remote), M. Jimenez, N. Lawler, S. Miranda, Taliya Smith

I. Opening Items**A. Record Attendance and Guests****B. Call the Meeting to Order**

K. Ward McDuffie called a meeting of the board of directors of Northwest Indiana Lighthouse Charter Schools to order on Monday Nov 18, 2019 at 5:35 PM.

C.

Approve Minutes

A. Payne made a motion to accept the minutes with the necessary changes LANWI May 2019 Board Meeting on 05-20-19.

N. Barksdale seconded the motion.

-Dr. Kay pointed out grammatical error that needs to be corrected.

- Correction: Rita Daniel was in attendance for the May Meeting.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D. Approve Minutes

C. Mosley made a motion to accept the minutes with the necessary changes Lighthouse Academies Of Northwest Indiana on 09-16-19.

R. Daniels seconded the motion.

-Correction: Rita Daniels was on the call for the September meeting.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Finance

A. East Chicago

C. Mosley made a motion to pay the bills for the month of November.

B. Bridges seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. Gary

R. Daniels made a motion to pay the bills in Gary for the month of November.

C. Mosley seconded the motion.

Yvette-Gary should have 45 days of cash on hand and we only have 16 days of cash on hand.

-Current ratio should be exceeding 1.1

-Budgeted enrollment for Gary is 1354

-Payment per student will help our cash on hand

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

C. Pathways Quarterly Plan

Mrs. Toney and Ms. Guyden presented the newly proposed **State Graduation to Pathway Program** plans for grade six

Graduation to Pathway:

- 40/40 Courses
- Learn and demonstrate
- Employability schools

- Perform pass high school

-After class 2022 you will no longer have to pass the state standardized test

-Based on interest of career and education after high school

-Core standards for college and career aspects

-6th, 7th, 8th grade curriculum

-Student portfolio is a big part of the career to pathway plan

Yvette: What if a student transfers in?

Ms. Guydon: The program picks up wherever the student is/begins.

-The portfolios have been currently done in the seminar classes

-Portfolio work will be conducted two days out of the week during the social studies class

Charm: Has the parents not been informed?

Mrs. Beasley: No, we wanted to make sure the plan is viable. The goal is to roll out the program by semester two of the 2019/2020 year. AP students have already identified the Indiana Career Explorer.

III. Governance

A. Potential Parent Members

-Dr. Kay spoke about the interest she had received from parents during Q1 P/T conferences.

-Dr. Kay expressed that it had been a while since we had someone from EC campus on the board.

-Several parents expressed interest in becoming a parent representative on the board

-Dr. Kay will continue to follow-up with those who expressed interest

-Dr. Kay introduced Talashia Smith. She is a parent of a scholar from Gary Lighthouse. Ms. Smith provided us with a brief overview of her background and reason for wanting to parenting in the Lighthouse board.

-Dr. Kay mentioned two additional parents, Aleese Young and Troy Roseborrow, who are also potential board members.

B. Charter Amendment

Y. Irons-Johnson made a motion to approve charter amendment.

R. Daniels seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

-Dr. Kay called shared that she called EC's Mayor Copeland's office; suggested that we become more involved/aware of the political networks in East Chicago. Dr. Kay was interested in seeing if the city had a public figure or active community organizer to become a member of the board.

-Dr. Kay shared the history on how we have been working to get high school built in East Chicago.

C. Scheduling of Board Retreat

-Dr. Kay will work to find a date for the next NWI Board retreat.

D. Recap Meeting with Ball State

- Forms provided
- Student Support
- Social Emotional support
- Dr. Kay shared out about the meeting at EC with Dr. Bob Sterns from Ball State.
- Dr. Marra went over findings in last renewal visit.
- Dr. Marra shared out the areas BSU will be focusing on during with visit.
- Several questions regarding why EC wasn't renewed for more than one year were asked.
- The intent to renew our charter was never received by Ball State
- Charter Amendment letter was read by Dr. Kay

IV. Committee Reports

A. Development Committee

- Development Committee hosted a conference call. Nakia L, Bria and Nakea B.
- Discussed a list of potential fundraising ideas
- Full report will be shared before next board meeting for voting on annual fundraising efforts

B. Academic Excellence Committee

- Guided Reading is up and running
- Discussed EC/Gary Federal Grade-concerned about EC's falling grade
- EC dropped 15 points
- The state grades changed due to the change in the test.
- The test was formerly the Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress (ISTEP) Plus and is now the Indiana Learning Evaluation Assessment Readiness Network (ILEARN).
- Students identified below grade level on the Northwest Evaluation Association Measures of Academic Progress (NWEA MAP) are being considered for Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS).
- New initiatives for upcoming semester include a Regional Professional Development for guided reading, Strategic choice autonomy and creating common assessments.
- Discussed/questioned pull out structure of SPED students

V. LHA Network Reports

A. ACADEMIC AND OPERATIONS REPORTS

- NWI will begin partnership with EdgEd Consulting. This partnership will support building the capacity of leaders to have a greater understanding of the federal and state reporting system to ensure there is a connection to implications of the day to day instruction and management. There is also a need to add an additional data point in an effort to have true triangulation of progress.

- Develop and implement plans as a result of school support visits.
- These collaborative walks were done in each building with leaders and their teams. School leaders identified problems of practice they wanted to support. During this time, leaders were pushed to think outside the box around ways to improve their problem of practice as quickly and efficiently as possible.
- Identification of interim assessments that are Indiana aligned. Schools will use these formative benchmarks throughout the year to gauge progress towards mastery
- We are still in the process of developing this roll out plan with leaders. Our goal is to not overwhelm the system with another assessment that does not yield the necessary information. Ms. Choi has brought the search down to two vendors.
- Working with the leaders
- State and Federal Report
- Time Understanding data

Scrooge Play-EC needs props

Dates: December 12th, 13th, 14th, 6:30pm

Literacy Night-East Chicago

November 20th 4-6pm

Operations:

- Unit repaired at Primary Academy - \$2,300.00
- Approved fixing outdoor lights at Upper Academy
- Midwestern electrics (6 to 7K spent from project budget)
- Lighthouse hired three new SRO's for EC (1)/CPA(2). The SRO's will be LHA employees.
- OPS staff at EC new PARENT CAFE for parents to come and meet with EC staff.
- The halls of EC have been filled with pictures of students/staff.
- Enrollment numbers have dropped by 2 or 3 students
- State Reporting

VI. Closing Items

A. Public Comments

B. Executive Session

K. Ward McDuffie made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discuss personnel issues.

C. Mosley seconded the motion.

Executive Session convened at 6:35pm.

-Jerome Ballard responded to LHA Board evaluation of LHA as a management company.

-Jerome Ballar discussed the changes in LHA finance and OPS structure in NWI.

Adjourned 6:50pm

Reconvened into regular session 6:50pm

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

C. Adjourn Meeting

A. Payne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Y. Irons-Johnson seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

N. Barksdale

D. Next Meeting

January 27th, 2020 at Upper Academy.